

Mint of the United States,  
April 9th, 1838.

Sir,

I send you to day, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a box containing two pairs of dies, for striking dimes. By successive mails, you shall have the half-dollar and half-dime dies, which are also ready.

The dimes & half dimes have the false or plain border-hubbed on them, & this practice will be continued in future. One pair of the half-dollar dies, also has the false border-hubbed on, but this will not be done hereafter, as it increases very much the difficulty of hubbing. This border must, therefore, as is now our practice, be turned in with the lathe, & the pair sent will indicate the depth &c. The faces of the half-dollar-dies are ground down to their proper depth for hardening; but this also will be discontinued and you will grind them yourselves, to suit your own basins for polishing. You will understand, of course, that these instructions are for Mr. Tyler.

Your dies are exactly like ours, except that the letter O is introduced as a distinctive mark.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

(Signed) R. M. Patterson,  
Director

To David Bradford, Esq.  
Supt. Br. Mint,  
New Orleans. }